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We are seeing lots of Halloween decorations around town as well as political signs. Which is more scary?

Want something more positive? Take a color tour. Fall colors are reaching their peak in central Michigan.

We just learned of the passing of Bob Field. He was well known in our area. See obituary on page 4.

### Fall Forecast

**Thu** Widespread frost, mainly before 9am. Otherwise, sunny, with a high near 61. Light south southwest wind becoming southwest 5 to 9 mph in the morning. Winds could gust as high as 18 mph.

**Thu Night** Clear, with a low around 35.

**Fri** Sunny, with a high near 65.

**Fri Night** Clear, with a low around 38.

**Sat** Sunny, with a high near 67.

**Sat Night** Mostly clear, with a low around 43.

**Sun** Sunny, with a high near 69.

**Sun Night** Mostly clear, with a low around 46.

**Mon** Sunny, with a high near 70.



## Timely LAMA Walk Turns a Corner in Fundraising



Walkers gather outside Lakeview First Congregational United Church of Christ before Sunday's LAMA Walk.

By Bethel Larsen

On Sunday, October 13, sixteen individuals lined up outside Lakeview United Church of Christ to begin the annual LAMA Walk fundraiser with a photo and a prayer. Perhaps because local individuals are moved by the plight of hurricane-stricken communities from Florida through Appalachia, the event was the most successful in several years. The stuffed "LAMA" mascot—technically an alpaca formerly used for youth group events—seemed to ride more proudly on its pole carried by Pastor Julie Drews of Cowden Lake Christian Church.

Setting out on the 5k

route along the lakeshore, around the cemetery, and down Washington Avenue to Seventh Street before returning to the church, several participants reminisced about the former CROP Walk that followed a five-mile route around the lake, some years in pouring rain. Thankfully, the rain held off on Sunday until well past the end of the walk. The adoption of the new LAMA Walk name indicates a shift in the way funds are being distributed: CROP primarily supported Church World Service, an international relief and development organization, with a lesser percentage being reserved for the local food bank and other local needs served by the Lake-

view Area Ministerial Association (L.A.M.A.). Several years ago, the L.A.M.A. decided to rename the walk and restructure the funding, retaining fifty per cent for local needs and contributing 25 per cent each to Samaritan's Purse and Church World Service. Samaritan's Purse, typically one of the first organizations on the ground at the scene of a disaster anywhere in the world, is currently serving survivors of Hurricane Helene throughout its path of destruction, including neighborhoods near its Boone, North Carolina headquarters.

With no walk held during COVID-19 shutdowns in 2020, however, the renamed fundraiser was

slow to regain its footing. In 2021, a sparse turnout of walkers raised only \$2,960.00, according to statistics provided by walk treasurer Holli Poll. The 2022 and 2023 walks raised \$3,941.00 and \$3,671.00, respectively. At the conclusion of the walk on Sunday, Holli reported that sixteen walkers had participated, raising a total of \$6,174.00. Four others had served as support volunteers. For years, Pastor Ted Johnson of Lakeview Free Methodist Church and Roger Bachman from Holy Trinity Lutheran have maintained a friendly rivalry in soliciting donations. Though Roger was unable to be present on Sunday, he walked and marked the route ahead of

time and raised just slightly more funds than Pastor Ted. God willing, these two stalwarts will continue their competition, to the future benefit of those in need here and afar!

Volunteers had a tasty array of snacks ready for walkers upon their return to the United Church of Christ fellowship hall. The warm hues of fall decorations provided an inviting atmosphere in which to rest tired feet, quench thirst, and enjoy a few more minutes of fellowship before dispersing. The awareness that the funds raised would provide help where it is sorely needed made that fellowship especially sweet.

## Friends of Montcalm Heritage Village Hold Fundraising Dinner

By Bethel Larsen

"I don't know what happened. We're usually full!" commented one member of the planning committee for the Montcalm Heritage Village Fall Dinner held on Thursday evening, October 3. Indeed, the meal at the Lester J. Sitts VFW Post in Sheridan had all the elements of a successful event—except people to fill the sunflower-decorated tables and enjoy old-fashioned camaraderie over hearty bowls of beef stew. Friends of the unique historic village re-creation adjacent to Montcalm Community College barely filled half the tables, with plenty of

elbow room.

Indeed, though publicity for the fall event had missed me over the past several years, I remembered attending a well-packed dinner some years ago. The menu was one our grandparents would have recognized: a hefty bowl of beef stew, coleslaw, cornbread, and dessert. Though our grandparents would have been shocked at the price of beef for the stew, the meal was modestly priced by today's standards at \$12.00 for adults or \$6.00 for children ages 5-12. Children ages four and under could eat free.

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Friends of Montcalm Heritage Village had a small turnout for the Fall Dinner fundraiser.



Pumpkins!

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